

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2007, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by May 21, 2007.

Claims 1-5 and 7-10 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the drawings, specification, and claims 4-6 and 8 were objected to for various informalities. Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-5, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,879,280 to James. Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over James in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,880,032 to Green.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 6 and 7, if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, Fig. 1 has been amended to include reference numeral 10.

The specification was amended to add a cross reference to the related priority document, to delete reference to the claims, and to add standard headings.

The claims were amended to address the objections and the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 was amended to add the limitations of allowed claim 6, which has been canceled. Claim 1, therefore, is now allowable over the art of record, along with remaining dependent claims 2-5 and 7-10.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is respectfully solicited. The undersigned attorney for the Applicant would very much welcome a telephone call to discuss and resolve any remaining issues in order to move the application toward an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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